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TO: MUNICIPAL CLERKS

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SUBJECT: MUNICIPAL BALLOT QUESTIONS

Listed below are the deadlines for placing questions on the Presidential Preference Primary ballot on March 9, 2004:

Election	Charter Amendments	Bond Questions, Straw Ballot Questions, and Other Proposals
Presidential Preference Primary March 9, 2004	Must be passed between Nov. 10, 2003 and Jan. 9, 2004	While this deadline is defined by the State's advertising requirement during the 5 th week prior to the election, the preparation time for the touch screen and optical scan voting systems necessitate the same deadline of Jan. 9 th .

Given the number of state and county questions expected to be placed on the ballot in the fall of 2004, we encourage you to consider placing any municipal questions you may have on the Presidential Preference Primary ballot.

If you have any questions in this regard, please contact me or Alicia Acosta-Thatcher of my staff at 305-375-3151.

argument or prejudice. Below the ballot title shall appear the following question: "Shall the above described [amendment/ordinance/proposal] be adopted?" Immediately below such question shall appear, in the following order, the word "YES" and also the word "NO."

(Res. No. 97-15, 4-1-97/6-10-97)

ARTICLE VI. CHARTER AMENDMENTS

Section 6.01. Charter Amendments.

This Charter may be amended in accordance with the provisions of this Article.

(Res. No. 97-15, 4-1-97/6-10-97)

Section 6.02. Procedure to amend.

(a) *Initiation.* This Charter may be amended in two (2) ways:

- (i) *By ordinance.* The Council may, by ordinance, propose amendments to this Charter and upon passage of the initiating ordinance shall submit the proposed amendment to a vote of the electors at the next general election held within the Village or at a special election called for such purpose.
- (ii) *By petition.* The electors of the Village may propose amendments to this Charter by petition. Each petition proposing amendments to this Charter shall be commenced, in the form, filed, certified as to its sufficiency and/or withdrawn in the same manner as an ordinance proposed by initiative pursuant to Section 5.02.

(b) *Submission to electors.* Upon certification of the sufficiency of a petition, the Council shall submit the proposed amendment to a vote of the electors at the next election if such election is scheduled to be held not less than sixty (60) days or more than one hundred twenty (120) days from the date on which the petition was certified or at a special election called for such purpose. A special election, if necessary, shall be held not less than sixty (60) days or more than one hundred twenty (120) days from the date on which the petition was certified.

(c) *Results of election.* If a majority of the qualified electors voting on a proposed amendment vote for its adoption, it shall be considered adopted upon certification of the election results. If conflicting amendments are adopted at the same election, the one receiving the greatest number of affirmative votes shall prevail to the extent of such conflict.

(Ord. No. 92-18, § 1, 8-11-92/11-3-92; Res. No. 97-15, 4-1-97/6-10-97; Res. No. 2002-21, 4-30-02/7-9-02)

Section 6.03. Form of ballot.

Any charter amendment ballot issue to be voted on by the electors shall be presented on the ballot in the form required by Section 5.03.

(Res. No. 97-15, 4-1-97/6-10-97)